

Appl. No. 09/401,694

Reply to Office Action of March 13, 2008

REMARKS

The drawings have been objected to in the Office Action as failing to: (1) include reference signs 120, 130, 134 and 140 in the description, and (2) since reference sign 136 has been used to designate multiple blocks. The drawings have been amended accordingly.

The Specification has been amended in order to correct informalities. No new matter has been added.

Claims 10 and 14 have been objected to due to informalities. The claims have been amended accordingly.

Claims 7-14 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Shmizu. Claims 7 and 11 have been amended to incorporate the limitations from claim 1, noted as allowable by the Examiner during the telephonic interview courteously afforded to undersigned. The rejection is therefore moot.

Claims 1-6 are allowed.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. An indication of the same is solicited. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing, referencing Attorney Docket No. 115426-848.

Respectfully submitted,

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